

# Success!

If your election passes and a new district is created, there are lots of things that must be accomplished:

S1. Celebrate your accomplishment! Say thank you to all who supported the effort.

S2. Monitor the county commissioners' (and in some cases the city council's) actions that are required to create or expand the district.

S3. Carry out your new service plan.

S4. Publicize the changes that are occurring.

## Task S One: Celebrate!

Take some time to savor success. Throw a party, because you have

worked hard at providing excellent library service for your community.

Thank those who helped, including the county commissioners.

## Task S Two: Monitor the County Commissioners and the City Council.

Local officials have certain activities that they are required by law to carry out if the election is successful.

- After the results have been canvassed, the county commissioners must certify that the district is formed within 10 days.

- Within 30 days after the certification, the county commissioners of each county within the district must jointly appoint the initial members of the district's library board. Refer to MCA 22-1-704.

## Task S Three: Carry Out Your Long Range Plan.

Begin working on the activities you planned. Make any needed changes in personnel structure,

policies, and initiating new services. The more planning you did in the

planning phase, the easier this will be.

## Task S Four: Publicize the Changes.

Publicize the positive changes you have made in the new library district. Here are some ideas:

- Send press releases to all media outlets when you begin or expand a service.
- Ask the local paper to do an in-depth article on the changes, several months after the

changes have been made. Suggest they write the article from the patron's perspective.

- Suggest a story to a local television station's news director, if there is a channel close to your area.
- Create and distribute a nicely printed annual report for the dis-

trict after its first year of operation, showing new services and how well they have been used.

- Volunteer to provide speakers for local service club meetings to talk about new library services.
- Be creative!